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MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Key West Bureau--November 1986

I. GENERAL

The war of nerves over our housing delays caused more frustrations this month as we came so near to closing on the deal, only to have it fall apart at the last moment. A combination of shoddy workmanship by the contractor and adamancy by the Navy not to accept any of the flaws prevented us from moving into the townhouses on 21 November as scheduled. The contractor now "promises" to have everything up to snuff by early December for one more shot at acceptance.



II. OPERATIONS

11-24

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A. Monitorial/Editorial

Castro added to his chest of medals this month as Gorbachev pinned the Order of Lenin on him. Fidel returned home from Moscow in time to greet Spain's Felipe Gonzalez, who was particularly fulsome in his praise of Numero Uno. These events along with some Castro speeches to a couple of medical symposiums and the start of the concluding session of the Cuban Party Congress kept our monitors busy this month.

If reports from Bonaire Radio are correct, Cuba faces a big sports dilemma--Havana must attend the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul if it wants to host the 1991 Pan American Games. To the best of our knowledge, the Cuban jocks have not shared any of this discomfoting news with the island's sport-hungry fans.

Elsewhere in the Caribbean, we focused our attention on Haiti and Suriname as unrest and rebellion continued to dominate the headlines. In Trinidad and Tobago, political activity intensified as the 15 December date for general elections drew nearer. In Barbados, Prime Minister Barrow continued his anti-American campaign by severely criticizing U.S. policy toward the Caribbean.

B. Communications

Southern Bell met its 18 November deadline for installation of our new unclassified 300 baud line. We are now awaiting a HQs decision as to when an ESG-led team can come to Key West with all the hardware needed for the changes.

C. Technical

The bureau continued its efforts this month to improve reception of various medium-wave Haitian broadcasts. Bureau engineer [redacted] rigged up a homemade Balanced Broadband Loop Antenna to help bring in these low-powered stations as well as to cut down on the "splatter" from Radio Marti on Radio Soleil, a primary station in Port au Prince. ESG's [redacted] also visited for 3 days to assist in our continuing efforts.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

The bureau welcomed new deputy chief-designate [redacted] on 14 November. The date was particularly fitting, since it marked 17 years to the day that [redacted] who is retiring 3 December, first reported for duty with FBIS.

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IV. VISITORS

1. Audit Staffer [redacted] 12-14 November.
2. ESG Technician [redacted] 17-20 November.

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V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

We took turns to make sure we could attend as many sessions as possible of this year's fourth annual Cuba-Caribbean Analytical Symposium. The symposium, which ran from 17-20 November, was sponsored by the US Forces Caribbean Command, our next door neighbors here on Truman Annex. One particularly worthwhile spinoff of the

symposium was the opportunity to chat with Ernesto Betancourt, director of Radio Marti, who also managed to come over for a tour of our facility.

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Chief, Key West Bureau

Attachment:

Production Report

cc: C/Panama, C/Paraguay Bureau

KEY WEST BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 101,820

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 25,770

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 450

	BROADCAST	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	2,575	14,700	21
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER WEEK	MIN	MIN	ISSUES

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES;
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

BAHAMAS

Nassau Domestic Service in English	<u>130</u>		
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Nassau THE TRIBUNE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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BARBADOS

Bridgetown CANA in English		<u>36,170</u>	
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Bridgetown ADVOCATE in English			<u>440</u>
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Bridgetown SUNDAY ADVOCATE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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BELIZE

Belize City Domestic Service in English	<u>370</u>		
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Belize Times in English			<u>1,440</u>
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CUBA

Havana Radio Progreso Network in Spanish	<u>5,440</u>		
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Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish	<u>8,830</u>		
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Havana Radio Rebelde Network in Spanish	<u>3,090</u>		
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Havana Radio Periodico Del Aire in Spanish	<u>260</u>		
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CUBA

Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	<u>1,810</u>
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Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish	<u>10,180</u>
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Havana Television Cubana Network in Spanish	<u>3,620</u>
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Havana Television Service in Spanish	<u>7,620</u>
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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Santo Domingo Cadena Brea Pena in Spanish	<u>260</u>
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Santo Domingo Radio Antillas Network in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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Santo Domingo LISTIN DIARIO in Spanish	<u>1,090</u>
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JAMAICA

Kingston Domestic Service in English	<u>-0-</u>
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Kingston DAILY GLEANER in English	<u>880</u>
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Kingston SUNDAY GLEANER in English	<u>-0-</u>
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MEXICO

Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish	<u>11,880</u>
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NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

Bonaire Trans World Radio in English	<u>3,990</u>
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THE NETHERLANDS

Hilversum International in English	<u>-0-</u>
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SURINAME

Paramaribo International Service in English	<u>4,320</u>
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OTHER SOURCES: None